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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: ARRANGEMENTS WITH HADDAD/SHIDIAK

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 1605 (NOTAL), (B) JERUSALEM 1607
(NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH URQUHART AND JONAH
THROUGHOUT THE DAY, JUNE 13. UNNY'S REACTION TO THE
18-POINT MEMORANDUM (REF A) WAS THAT IT WOULD DESTROY
UNIFIL'S INTEGRITY. IN UN VIEW THE MEMORANDUM, WHICH UNNY
UNDERSTANDS FROM THE FIELD WAS PREPARED BY AN ISRAELI
COLONEL, ESTABLISHES IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS FOR UNIFIL
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DEPLOYMENT; TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY UNIFIL MUST AT
LEAST GIVE APPEARANCE OF ATTEMPTING AN EVEN-HANDED
POSTURE. UNNY HAS INSTRUCTED SIILASVUO TO TAKE UP
QUESTION OF MEMORANDUM WITH GOL LEADERS ON JUNE 14, AS
WELL AS SPECIFIC ISSUE OF DEPLOYMENT OF
UNIFIL TROOPS IN CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES. URQUHART
UNDERSTANDS FROM LEBANESE AMB. TUENI THAT BOUTROS AND

OTHERS LOOK FAVORABLY ON SIILASVUO'S TRIP TO BEIRUT.
TUENI REPORTED THAT GOL WAS INSISTENT THAT
HADDAD HAS NO AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT CONTAINED
IN 18-POINT MEMO.

2. UNNY IS PUZZLED WHETHER ORDERS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN
SENT TO HADDAD REFURBISHING HIM AS A "DE FACTO" LAF
COMMANDER, OR WHETHER ORDERS WERE PERHAPS SENT BY BEIRUT
BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY HADDAD OR PERHAPS
HAVE NOT YET BEEN REACTED TO BY HADDAD. OF MORE
IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE, ERSKINE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT
TO CHALLENGE CHRISTIAN MILITIA, NOR TO FORCE UNIFIL
TROOPS INTO CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES.

3. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART REMARKED TO AMB.
LEONARD THAT WALDHEIM IS UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE
FROM ALL QUARTERS TO RESPOND TO QUERIES ON WHAT IS
TAKING PLACE ON THE GROUND WITH REGARD TO IDF WITHDRAWAL
AND THE HANDING OVER OF MILITARY POSITIONS TO THE
CHRISTIANS. THIS HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY TELEVISION
COVERAGE OF IDF HANDING OVER POSITIONS TO HADDAD'S
FORCES. UNNY DISCUSSED VARIOUS WAYS OF DEALING WITH
QUERIES AND DECIDED TO PUBLISH ON JUNE 14 A BRIEF
PROGRESS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: TEXT:

"IT IS THE POSITION OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT
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THAT (A) MAJOR HADDAD IS RECOGNIZED BY THE GOL AS THE
DE FACTO COMMANDER OF THE LEBANESE FORCES IN HIS PRESENT
AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING UNIFIL'S MISSION;
(B) THAT THE ARMY COMMAND WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO HADDAD
TO FACILITATE UNIFIL'S MISSION AND DEPLOYMENT.
TO THIS END THE LEBANESE ARMY WILL APPOINT TWO SENIOR
OFFICERS TO LIAISE WITH UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS AND WILL
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TAKE MEASURES TO REGULARIZE THE
SITUATION OF THE LEBANESE REGULAR ARMY IN THE SOUTH;
(C) THAT THE GOL HAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE LEBANESE ARMY
INTO THE SOUTH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, (D) THAT ALL BORDER
PROBLEMS SHALL HENCEFORTH BE DISCUSSED WITH UNIFIL AND
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A RESTORED ILMAC, A MEETING OF WHICH
WAS HELD ON JUNE 13, THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTED BY A SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER FROM BEIRUT;
(E) THAT THE GOL WISHES UNIFIL TO EXERCISE ITS FULL
FUNCTIONS UNDER RESSES 425 AND 426 AND WILL LEND
ALL ASSISTNACE AND SUPPORT TO THIS END." END TEXT.

4. AMB. TUENI CONVEYED TO URQUHART FM BOUTROS' APPROVAL
OF TEXT OF PROGRESS REPORT. UNNY IS NOW BUILDING HOPE
FOR UNTANGLING HADDAD DILEMMA ON GOL'S TAKING FIRM

DECISION TO RECOGNIZE HADDAD AS A "DE FACTO"
COMMANDER OF THE LEBANESE ARMY. THIS HOPE HAS BEEN
AUGMENTED ON THE GROUND BY HADDAD'S PERMITTING UNIFIL
RECONNAISSANCE OF NINE POSITIONS WHERE UNIFIL TROOPS ARE
SCHEDULED TO BE DEPLOYED ON JUNE 14. UNNY TAKES HEART
FROM FACT THAT HADDAD PERMITTED THE RECONNAISSANCE
OPERATIONS TO TAKE PLACE.

5. OF FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT HAS BEEN THE COOPERATIVE
RESPONSE FROM ARAFAT TO SYG WALDHEIM'S

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REQUEST NOT TO MAKE JUDGMENTS OR ISSUE STATEMENTS
UNTIL THE SITUATION HAS CLARIFIED. JONAH, ACCOMPANIED BY
AMB. TUENI, MET WITH PLO OBSERVER TERZI AND KUWAITI
AMB. BISHARA LATE MORNING JUNE 13 TO SEEK UNDERSTANDING
OF LATTER TWO DURING PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY
RE UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT IN CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES.
BISHARA APPARENTLY MADE STRONG OBJECTION TO IDF/HADDAD
ARRANGEMENTS AND PERSISTS IN ASKING UN
SECRETARIAT WHETHER UNIFIL TROOPS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED

IN CHRISTIAN AREAS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ONLY FIVE
RELATIVELY INCONSEQUENTIAL POINTS, DESCRIBED BY UNNY AS
"HIGH GROUNDS", WERE TRANSFERRED TO UNIFIL BY IDF.

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6. UNNY IS HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF USG SUPPORT IN ITS
EFFORTS TO RESOLVE COMPLEX OF PROBLEMS IT FACES IN LEBANON.
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